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# HATE HAS NO HOME IN RED BANK Red Bank Human Relations Advisory Committee Responds to Recent Local KKK Actions

Evidenced by recent actions in Red Bank, the KKK is active in our area and expanding its efforts. Recruiting flyers have been distributed through Red Bank. While this most recent affront is a response to the movie "*The BlacKkKlansman*", the proliferation of hate in this nation has reached a level that necessitates a response. We must stop taking civility for granted and begin teaching it by example.

The Red Bank Human Relations Advisory Committee is formulating a response: the "No Hate At Home" Campaign. Committee Chair David Pascale offered, "Red Bank has always led the way as the example of inclusivity for all its many residents. Our committee actively promotes a host of organizations that support the cultural, educational and spiritual well-being of its residents. We have declared we are a Welcoming & Inclusive Community and participate as a key partner to Red Bank's social justice arm. The Human Relations Advisory Committee has become well known as a "first to rally" part of the community. We respond to the latest confrontation by the KKK by reinforcing our love for our community and inviting you, once again, to stand with us and be part of this proactive campaign that declares we have "No Hate at Home." Campaign Chair, Rabbi Marc Kline, added, "This is not an 'anti-Klan' rally. It is time to change the conversation and we would like for people from Red Bank and all our neighboring communities to participate in a discussion around changing the world and focusing on removing hate from our discourse and replacing it with good. We have to start somewhere and it has to begin at home."

We will host a press conference Thursday, August 30 2018, at 3:00 pm outside the Red Bank Borough Offices. At this press conference the Committee will introduce the campaign and condemn hate and invite people from all walks of life to participate in a more proactive conversation that is not rooted in hate speech, cruel innuendo or violence.

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#### About the HRAC

The Red Bank Human Relations Advisory Committee promotes inclusivity and acceptance of all our borough residents and cultures.